

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of:	)	
	)	Administrative Order
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE	)	No. <u>2011 -13</u>
COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RULES	)	
OF PROCEDURE FOR LIMITED	)	
JURISDICTION COURTS	)	
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The rules of civil procedure in the superior court so far as applicable govern civil procedures in justice courts. However, a number of the superior court rules of civil procedure may be inapplicable to civil cases in justice court or may be unnecessarily complicated for these cases. Also, many of the litigants in civil cases in justice courts are self-represented, and they may have little or no training in civil procedure. This Court's Justice 20/20 Strategic Agenda noted that the complexity of the court system can slow cases and make the court system difficult to operate and navigate. Simplifying court processes in limited jurisdiction courts and making civil rules of procedure in these courts more comprehensible to everyone would strengthen the administration of justice.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The Committee on Civil Rules of Procedure for Limited Jurisdiction Courts is established.
2. PURPOSE: The Committee shall review rules of civil procedure and determine if either a new set of specialized civil rules of procedure for limited jurisdiction courts in Arizona, or amendments to the existing rules of civil procedure that would be applicable only in limited jurisdiction courts, would promote this Court's strategic goal of streamlining court processes.
3. MEMBERSHIP: The individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Committee beginning upon entry of this Order and ending on December 31, 2012. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary.
4. MEETINGS: The Committee meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair. All meetings shall comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202: Public Meetings.
5. REPORTS: The Committee shall report its recommendations to the Arizona Judicial Council by December 2011.

6. STAFF: The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Committee and shall assist the Committee in developing recommendations and in preparing any necessary reports and petitions.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

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REBECCA WHITE BERCH  
Chief Justice

## **Appendix A**

### **COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS**

#### *Chair*

Paul Julien

Judge Pro Tem and Judicial Education Officer  
Administrative Office of the Courts

#### *Members*

Honorable Karen Adam  
Superior Court  
in Pima County

Mary Blanco  
Court Manager  
Encanto Justice Court

Honorable Jill Davis  
Lake Havasu Consolidated Courts  
Mohave County

Honorable Timothy Dickerson  
Sierra Vista Justice Court  
Cochise County

Honorable Maria Felix  
Pima County Consolidated  
Justice Court

David Hameroff  
Hameroff Law Firm  
Pima County

Stanley Hammerman  
Hammerman and Hultgren  
Maricopa County

Emily Johnston  
Public Member, Arizona Judicial Council  
Pima County

Nathan Jones  
DNA People's Legal Services  
Coconino County

William Klain  
Lang and Baker  
Maricopa County

George McKay  
Community Legal Services  
Maricopa County

David Rosenbaum  
Osborn Maledon  
Maricopa County

Honorable Gerald Williams  
North Valley Justice Court  
Maricopa County

James Wood  
Carpenter Hazelwood  
Maricopa County

Anthony Young  
Southern Arizona Legal Aid  
Pima County